Amendments to the Specification:

In the Title:

Please amend the Title as follows:

--A METHOD AND AN ELONGATE SPINDLE MEMBER OF CHAIN LINKS ~~APPARATUS~~ FOR TRANSFER OF PRESSURE AND ~~AND/OR~~ TENSILE LOAD--

In the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

--Abstract of the Disclosure

An elongate spindle member having rigidity and stability against pressure and tensile loads as well as bending and torsional loads, is made by winding-up a plurality of mutually interlocking chain links (1, 12), during axial displacement, into a helical winding (5, 16) by a winding guide (14). The elongate spindle member is connected ~~For transfer of pressure and/or tensile loads as well as torque load~~ between two objects, ~~an elongate spindle member with high rigidity and stability against pressure and/or tensile loads as well as bending and torsional load is provided by that winding up of mutually interlocking chain links (1) under axial displacement in a helical winding (5) by means of~~ a the winding guide ~~means~~ (14) is connected with one of the two objects. The first turn of the helical winding ~~first provided~~ is connected with a coupling member for connection with the other of the two objects, and each chain link is retained in engagement with

neighboring ~~neighbouring~~ links in the same turn as well as adjacent chain links in neighboring ~~neighbouring~~ turns.--

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 1 and 2 as follows:

--The method according to the invention comprises the steps of

- winding-up of a plurality of mutually interlocking chain links under axial displacement in a helical winding to form said elongate spindle member,

- using chain links formed with a substantially circular curvature on their exterior sides and including associated engagement means,

- drivingly connecting said chain links to a rotatable driving device arranged in a winding guide means connected with one of said two objects,

- guiding said chain links during rotation of said driving device in said winding guide means so that the chain links are interconnected and retained in engagement by their associated engagement means with neighboring ~~neighbouring~~ chain links in the same turn as well. as adjacent chain links in neighboring ~~neighbouring~~ turns of said elongate spindle member, and

- coupling the helical winding with the other of said two objects by means of a coupling ~~cupling~~ member.--

Please amend the penultimate paragraph on page 2 as follows:

-- Further embodiments of the method and non-exhaustive examples of its application are also described herein ~~in the dependent claims 2 - 11~~.--

Please amend the sixth and seventh paragraphs on page 3 as follows:

--Fig. ~~Figs~~ 1 is a ~~and 2 are~~ schematic, exploded, perspective view ~~views~~ illustrating the principle of the method according to the invention,

Fig. 2 is a schematic, perspective view, with parts in section, illustrating the principle of the method according to the invention,

Fig. 3 is a perspective view from the front, top and right side of a first ~~Figs 3 and 4 show an~~ embodiment of an apparatus according to the invention,

Fig. 4 is a perspective view from the rear, top and right side of the embodiment of Fig. 3,--

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 3 and 4 and the first full paragraph on page 4 as follows:

--Fig. 6 is a perspective view ~~Figs 6 and 7 show embodiments~~ of a winding guide means ~~and a drive means~~ in the apparatus of Figs. ~~according to Figs~~ 3 and 4,

Fig. 7 is a perspective view of a drive means in the apparatus of Figs. 3 and 4,

Fig. 8 is a first perspective view from the front and top of ~~Figs 8 – 12 show~~ an embodiment of a chain link for use in the apparatus of Figs. ~~according to Figs~~ 3 and 4,

Fig. 9 is a perspective view from the front, top and right side of an embodiment of a chain link for use in the apparatus of Figs. 3 and 4,

Fig. 10 is a perspective view from the rear, bottom and right side of an embodiment of a chain link for use in the apparatus of Figs. 3 and 4,

Fig. 11 is a perspective view from the front, bottom and left side of an embodiment of a chain link for use in the apparatus of Figs. 3 and 4,

Fig. 12 is a second perspective view from the front and top of an embodiment of a chain

link for use in the apparatus of Figs. 3 and 4,--

Please insert the following paragraph after seventh paragraph on page 3:

--Fig. 13 is a perspective view of a first winding of interlocking chain links of the present invention connected to a coupling member.--